

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to claim priority to a related application in accordance with the application data sheet and declaration. The specification has also been amended to provide the status of related applications that have been incorporated by reference. The specification has been further amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claims 14-17 have been canceled as been drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1 and 3-13 remain pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 3-5 and 13 are currently amended.

The claims are rejected in various combinations under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Reich et al. U.S. 4,135,253 (Reich '253) or Izraelev U.S. 5,685,700 (Izraelev '700) and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Reich '253 or Izraelev '700 in combination with Runge U.S. 5,688,245 or Afzal et al. U.S. 6,387,323. Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to overcome these rejections. As defined by the amended claims 1 and 13, the cited references do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, an apparatus in which a conduit is coupled to a supplemental outflow port and in which the conduit includes a structure sized and configured to occlude a blood vessel and adapted to permit fluid outflow from the conduit only distal to the structure. Dependent claims 3-5 have been amended in accordance with the amendments to claims 1 and 3.

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and allowance of claims 1 and 3-13 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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